



Major General Leslie C. Smith

Commanding General

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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri**



Major General Leslie C. Smith is the Commanding General of the United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood. MG Smith received his commission from Georgia Southern University (GSU) in 1983 as a Field Artillery Officer. In 1985, he was selected as a distinguished military graduate from GSU and was branched as a Chemical Officer.

MG Smith's previous assignment was the 4th Commander of the United States Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives). His early assignments include the 1-230th Field Artillery Battalion of the 48th Infantry Brigade; Chemical Staff officer in the 3-52d Air Defense Artillery Battalion; Division and DIVARTY staff officer and company commander in the 82d Airborne Division; Chemical Branch PERSCOM; S-3 and XO in the 23d Chemical Battalion and the Joint Staff, J-5. In 2001, he assumed command of the 83d Chemical Battalion, where elements of the Battalion deployed in support of Operations New Dawn, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Following command, he served on the Army Staff in the G-8 as the Deputy Division Chief and Chief, NBC Branch for the Full Dimensional Protection Division. In 2005, he assumed command of the 3d Chemical Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, and later served as the G-3, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), and the 25th Chief of Chemical and Commandant of the United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School.

His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Command and General Staff College, and National War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Services Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Senior Parachutist Badge, and both the Joint and Army Staff Identification Badges.

MG Smith holds a Master of Science degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

He is married to Vanedra, and they have two daughters.